

size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and without any regional considerations.

The proposal when seen in the light of the above criteria has not been found feasible.

Revised fare scheme

3318. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Railways has declared no hike in passengers fare in the budget of 2007-08;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that revised fare sans the telescopic benefit to the sleeper class passengers; and
- (c) if so, whether it is also a fact that this revised fare scheme would increase the fares of sleeper class passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Proposal for new rail services

†3319.SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals for introducing new railway services are pending with Government;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Government of Rajasthan has also submitted some proposals in this regard;
- (c) the criteria to introduce new rail services; and
- (d) the reasons for not accepting the proposals received from Rajasthan?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.